



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Library Remodel

Q - Is the library going to be remodeled?

A - Yes! The City Council approved this project as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program and it is budgeted for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. The project has been awarded to Cal-Pacific Construction Inc.

Q - When is this happening?

A - Construction may start in November and should be complete by the end of the fiscal year.

Q - What areas of the library will be remodeled?

A - On the first floor, the children's area will be expanded all the way to the lobby, the community room will be expanded, and the entire area will be remodeled. On the second floor, additional study rooms will be added, an additional reading area will be added in the magazine area, and the reference desk will be relocated. If you would like more information you can see the report presented to the City Council at the June 27, 2017 meeting.

Q - Will the library be closed?

A - No. We are planning on only closing those areas affected but leaving most of the library open. We should have more specific information about this in about a month. The children's area will be closed for about 2 months or more.

Q – How will I check out children's materials?

A – We will be setting up a small children's collection in the new book and Friends of the Library area. This will be a collection of about 5,000 popular materials. The rest of the children's collection will be packed and inaccessible during the time the children's area will be remodeled so no holds will be possible. Children's eBooks will be available on the library website.

Q – Will there be library programs during the remodel?

A – Because part of the project involves expansion of the community room, the room will be closed during part of the construction. Because we don't yet have dates for when the room will be closed, we will be letting everyone know the impact to library programs as soon as we have more information. We are looking into alternate locations for some library programs.

Q – What are those big grey bins in the Franklin Street parking lot?

A – When the children's area is remodeled, all the shelving will need to be removed and stored temporarily. The shelving will be dismantled, stored in these grey bins, and moved back into the children's area after it is remodeled and the carpeting has been replaced.

Q – How much will the remodel cost and how is the City paying for this?

A – The City Council approved the use of \$3.8M in community benefit funds from the Plymouth/Broadreach development project.

Q – This building is beautiful. Why are we changing it?

A – In the 20 years since this building was built, the community's use of the public library has changed. Library services are evolving from primarily providing reading materials to becoming community gathering places for learning and developing skills. As a result, more space is needed for programs, classes, and studying. Also, the building is often at capacity so more study areas and seating are needed.

Q – Will there be any public art.

A – Yes. The Visual Arts Committee has selected artwork for the glass wall leading into the new children's area. This was approved unanimously by the City Council at their October 3 meeting.